

# Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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## Plant Commission

### No. 1 Interest of

#### Hope in Home Rule

Today's Quotation  
When you wish to dignify a thing which is bad, disapprove it.

— Syrus

On May 5 the Associated Press interviewed Glenn G. Zimmerman, executive director of the Arkansas Municipal League, on what the cities want most at the next session of the legislature. And the North Little Rock attorney said the No. 1 issue is home rule — broad authority for the cities to legislate and regulate without appealing to the state government.

Mr. Zimmerman told the AP that "municipalities have to go to the legislature with all sorts of purely local problems which they should be allowed to handle themselves." Our readers should recall why this is so: The basic law-giver in America is the state government; it delegates certain powers upward to the federal regime, and distributes downward such authorizations as city charters and other enactments creating political subdivisions.

Where a state government holds too tight a rein on its cities progress is stifled, because municipal issues are either misunderstood or lost in the shuffle of bills involving state-wide questions at each session of the legislature. The remedy is to give municipalities greater authority and responsibility for acting "on their own" — on strictly urban matters.

For instance, here in Hope we have been agitating for the establishment of a long-term local commission to handle affairs of the municipal Water & Light Plant, whose funds are dangerously involved with the general tax receipts of the city government. A power plant should be operated as a separate entity regardless of who owns it, whether municipal or private power company, because in the electric business you have to maintain vast reserves for expansion and replacement of costly equipment as your city and its trade area grow.

Other Arkansas cities in our population range put their municipal plants under commission administration years ago, notably Jonesboro, Conway, and Benton.

But when Hope began investigating the possibilities of a commission for its own plant it was discovered there was no authority under state law for cities of the first class to proceed with such a plan. The cities above mentioned accomplished their commission systems while cities of the second class. There was state authorization for second-class cities — but not for first-class cities.

This is absurd. But the reason for this absurdity is easily understood. The state legislature doesn't act without severe prodding, and there being no first-class cities with municipal plants at the time the original commission authorization was granted, the General Assembly simply restricted the bill to cities of the second class. Actually, most of the existing legislation enlarging the powers of municipalities is comprised of "local bills" — a species of law which finally was prohibited by constitutional amendment, just before 1930.

For instance, the various authorizations supporting the municipal plant operation at Jonesboro are "local bills" — but the effect of this crazy-quilt pattern of lawmaking is to prevent Hope today from doing the very thing Jonesboro did when smaller than we are now.

First-class cities should be given authority to set up municipal plant commissions by the next session of the legislature regardless of what the lawmakers do about other municipal questions.

And it would be the better part of wisdom for the General Assembly to broaden municipal powers generally, under the home rule plan, allowing cities to debate and act on strictly local questions which the legislature either misunderstands or ignores.

## Porker Radio Network Gets Nod of SWC

Dallas (AP) — The University of Arkansas plans to broadcast its 1952 football games on its own network was approved yesterday by the Southwest Conference.

This was disclosed yesterday after Athletic Director John Barnhill following the Conference Faculty Committee's meeting here.

The conference policy is a lump assignment of broadcasting rights for all games by the conference.

But Arkansas will be permitted to air its games separately to stations in its state.

Arkansas inaugurated its University Sports Network last basketball season but its continuance for football was contingent upon yesterday's action by the faculty committee.

The conference voted to continue to allow televising of only the sell-out games, but this is subject to any policy which may be set later by the National Football Athletic

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## WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Partly cloudy, mild this afternoon, tonight Thursday. Scattered thunderstorms Thursday.

Temperature  
High 85 Low 60

## Taft Piles Up Big Lead in West Virginia

By The Associated Press

Returns from West Virginia's heavy primary voting today give Sen. Robert Taft a 14-to-1 edge in the convention delegate race and a 3 to 1 margin in the popularity poll.

A late rush of voters yesterday swamped many balloting points in the 2,622 precincts. Some closed shop at deadline, leaving late-comers queuing up outside, while others kept open as long as anyone wanted to vote.

Taft was contesting for delegates with Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and with Harold E. Stassen in the popularity vote.

Democrats held no presidential popularity contest and with Harold E. Stassen in the popularity vote.

In Des Moines, an AFL leader said the big labor union might endorse the Democratic candidate if Taft becomes the GOP standard-bearer. James McDewitt, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, told a union meeting such action would mark the first time since 1924 that the AFL endorsed a presidential candidate.

In Minot, N. D., a hot battle for North Dakota's 8-vote Democratic delegation was coming to a showdown. Backers of Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee waged a losing fight yesterday to have the delegation instructed for him. Amid verbal fireworks, the convention voted to leave the delegation undecided. It will be named today.

Convention - delegate jockeying shaped up like this:

Westinghouse ..... \$119,900 \$36,450  
Elliott ..... 120,950 39,250  
Allis Chalmers ..... 124,300 40,139  
Gen. Electric ..... 120,740  
Brown-Boveri ..... 145,500  
Worthington ..... 41,100  
Condenser Ser. & Engine Co. 40,012  
C. H. Wheeler ..... 37,790

A representative of Burns & McDonnell, consulting engineers, is studying the bids and will recommend the best offer to the group tonight. Delivery of the equipment ranges from 360 to 480 days.

The city has authorized sale of \$350,000 in bonds to make the new installations at Municipal Water and Light Plant. The new turbine-generator is the first step in a long-range program to improve electrical facilities here.

## Flock Owners to Meet on Thursday

The Poultry Committee of the Hope Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a flock owners meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Courthouse. Chairman Jack Lowe of this committee states that the meeting is being held for those who have already signed up for hatching egg laying flocks with Corn Belt Hatcheries, and for those who are interested in hatching egg production in the future.

Corn Belt Hatcheries are placing with flock owners in this area 3,000 New Hampshire pullets around the first of June and expect to place around 10,000 hatching pullets by the end of this year.

## Hope Girls Named State Music Officers

Last week end at Little Rock the Junior Federated Music Clubs of Arkansas held a convention and installed two Hope girls as officers — Beth Bridgers as president and Carolyn Lewallen as corresponding secretary.

Superior rated students gave a recital with Mary Rains Lewis and Miss Lewallen performing representatives of the Southwest District.

## Wasp Commander's Order Ignored

Bayonne, N. J., May 14 (AP) — The destroyer minesweeper Hobson, which sank after a collision with the aircraft carrier Wasp, failed to acknowledge a last-minute order to change course, the Wasp's commander said.

## Graduation Plans at Blevins Are Announced

The two top ranking students of the Senior Class of Blevins High School this year are Virginia Ruth Hamilton, valedictorian, and Frances Davis, salutatorian. Miss Hamilton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton and Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis.

The Baccalaureate Services for the graduating class will be held in the Blevins Methodist Church May 25, at 10:30 a. m. with Joe W. Hunter, pastor, delivering the address.

The Commencement program will be held in the Blevins High School Gymnasium Wednesday, May 28, at 8 p. m. The seniors will give the entire program.

Miss Hamilton, valedictorian, has been given the annual award of the Reader's Digest Association for students whose successful school work gives promise of attaining leadership in the community. It was announced by Superintendent Norman Jones.

## Koje Generals Called in; Reds Cite Prison Riot

Tokyo, Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd and Brig. Gen. Charles Colson, former commanders of the Koje Island Communist war prisoner camp, flew to Tokyo today to confer with the United Nations commander, Gen. Mark Clark.

Dodd was captured by the Red prisoners last Wednesday and held hostage 78 hours. Colson succeeded him Thursday.

Both were relieved of the camp command and returned to former duties pending an investigation of the Dodd kidnapping and Colson's promise of concessions to the Reds to gain his release.

Neither Dodd nor Colson was available to the press. The generals arrived about 2 p. m. and immediately went to a meeting with Clark.

The Army did not say whether they remained in Japan or returned to Korea for an investigation of the Koje situation.

Munsan, Korea May 14 (AP) — Communist negotiators announced today they will insist on daily truce talks — meetings the Allied Command says the Reds have turned into "propaganda attacks which contribute nothing" toward peace in Korea.

The Red announcement came from North Korean Gen. Nam Il. He said the Communists would not accept the Allies' proposed armistice package but gave no hint the Reds would offer a new solution of their own.

He made it clear the Reds have no intention of breaking off negotiations. He has been doing almost all of the talking at recent meetings.

Today he injected the Koje Island Prison Camp kidnapping of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd into the negotiations.

Nam Il charged the Allies were treating prisoners inhumanely. He said this was proved by concessions which Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson granted Red prisoners last week to effect Dodd's release. The very wording which Nam Il quoted was previously labeled by the U. S. military command in Washington as misleading.

Colson was replaced yesterday as Koje commandant.

## Local Women Are Named to District Offices

Mrs. M. M. McCloughan, Mrs. E. A. Morsani, Mrs. Harry Hawthorne and Mrs. J. M. Duffie represented the Hope unit at the District Conference of Legion Auxiliaries held in Texarkana Tuesday.

Mrs. W. G. Fisher, DeQueen, was elected president of the district. Mrs. Harry Hawthorne, Hope, was elected 1st vice president and Mrs. J. M. Duffie, Hope, was elected 2nd vice president.

Miss Clara Coomb, Dep't. Secty., Little Rock, was guest speaker. She highly lighted the work of the Auxiliary members in Little Rock, in over-seeing the making of poppies by the veterans at Ft. Root.

## Russia Suddenly Opens Road Into Berlin

Washington, May 14. (UP) — Secretary of State Dean Acheson served blunt notice on the Soviet Union today that the United States, Britain and France are determined to resist any new Communist blockade moves in Berlin.

Acheson told a news conference that we are determined to maintain our position in Berlin and to protect the interests of the people in the Western zones.

He said the United States also is fully aware of what he described as the bellicose statements by deputy East German Premier Walter Fulbright. The Communist official threatened new pressure on West Berlin if Western Germany joined the actions seem to this government to be the other side of the so-called peace and unity coin being put forward by the Communists.

## Small Fights Break Out in Korea

Seoul, Korea, May 14 (AP) — Small fights lasting as long as four hours broke out along the Korean front today.

The Eighth Army reported an Allied patrol killed 36 Communist troops in an early morning raid. The patrol drove the Reds out of an advanced position on West front and held it for 45 minutes until the Communists counter-attacked.

The longest pre-dawn skirmish, also on the Central Front, broke out when Reds probed in the Kumhwa sector where United Nations tank patrols tested Chinese defenses Monday and Tuesday. The skirmish was between two Red squads and Allied outposts. The Communists finally pulled out at 4:45 a. m. Nearly two Communist platoons fought nearly an hour and a half with Allies outposts. Thirty-one attackers were reported killed in the two fights.

Lighter probes and long range rifle duels erupted elsewhere. Air Force and Navy planes reported nearly 200 new cuts were blasted in North Korea's patchwork rail lines Tuesday. The Air Force reported its raiding planes destroyed 65 Red buildings and damaged 23. Biggest blowoff was the work of the guns of the U. S. Destroyer Lowry. Its shells touched off a firework display in a Communist ammunition dump at besieged Wonsan on the east coast.

## Ike May Have to Explain Association

Washington, May 14 (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's official association with the Truman administration has become such an issue in Republican presidential battling it soon may require a public statement by the general.

Supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio threw out the suggestion again yesterday that Eisenhower's military connections with official Washington might hamper him in attacking the Truman record if he wins the GOP nomination.

Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas, director of Eisenhower campaign headquarters, took some pains to try to refute this in a Mitchell, S. D., speech.

Carlson said Eisenhower "has spoken often and plainly against the administration and its fumbling, its trend toward socialism and its playing of group against group."

He quoted a 14-month-old letter in which Eisenhower said his friends are "quite well aware of the extreme degree in which I differ with some of our governmental foreign and domestic policies of the past years."

Many politicians believe that when Eisenhower returns to this country in June he will have to be more specific in criticisms of the policies with which he does not agree.

## Cartoon Carries Melon Picture

Ripley's famous "Believe-It-Or-Not" cartoon carried a picture of a 194-pound watermelon which is believed to have been the largest grown here last year.

## Bulletin

Washington, May 14 (AP) — The agriculture Department, under fire on charges of lax enforcement of laws was stripped today of its authority to decide whether criminal prosecution is warranted in cases where farm laws have been violated.

The Justice Department, which has delegated the authority in the first place, withdrew it. Hereafter, decisions as to prosecutions will be made in the Justice Department.

## Fired Before Pension on Gross' Word

New York, May 14 (AP) — Boss bookie Harry Gross' testimony of graft payments had the support today of Police Commissioner George P. Monaghan, who fired a lieutenant hours before his retirement.

The commissioner said he was "convinced that the testimony of Gross is not a recent fabrication" as he ousted Lt. Thomas J. Evans, a 21-year veteran on the force.

Evans, who sought to retire at midnight last night, was accused of sharing in the million-dollar-a-year bribes Gross says he paid police to protect his huge bookie business. Monaghan fired the 44-year-old Evans yesterday just eight hours before the retirement would have been effective. As a result, Evans loses a \$2,575-a-year pension.

Daniel Jacobson, attorney for Evans, said last night he planned to ask the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court to review the case.

Jacobson said a court of law would reverse Monaghan. The attorney added that "the unsupported testimony of a professed violator of the law against the testimony of a police officer with an unblemished record should not be taken even in a department trial."

## Cotton Loan Program Has New Phases

Greater encouragement in the use of local lending agencies and local administrative committees in granting and servicing loans is provided in the cotton price support program for 1952, according to Earl Martindale chairman of the Hempstead County Committee of the Production and Marketing Administration. In addition, purchase agreements on cotton will be available for the first time and the equity transfer phase of the programs retained.

The price of cotton will be supported at 90 per cent of parity. The average loan rate will be 30.91 cents per pound, basic Midling 7-8 inch cotton or 90 per cent of parity on August 1, 1952 whichever is the higher. The final rate will be announced shortly after August 1, 1952.

To facilitate granting and servicing of loans, loans will be made this year (1) by local banks, production credit associations, and other qualified local agencies that have entered into agreements with the Commodity Credit Corporation to make the loans, or (2) by the Production and Marketing Administration county committee which will be authorized to issue sight drafts drawn on CCC. The loan documents will be kept in the local area, either in the local lending agency, or in the office of the PMA County Committee. In other years such documents were required to be transmitted to the PMA Commodity office at New Orleans or San Francisco within 15 days. The change this year will speed up servicing of the loans, since it eliminates the time previously lost in waiting for the return of essential documents from distant custodial offices, such as the Federal Reserve Banks or a PMA Commodity office. Producers will be encouraged to obtain loans through local lending agencies.

## Mrs. Adelle Waddle Succumbs at Her Home Here

Mrs. Adelle Waddle, aged 67, a resident of Hope for many years, died at her home Tuesday.

She is survived by her husband, Claude Waddle, four sons, Bernard of Stamps, Howard and Paul Waddle of Magnolia, David of Emmet, and a daughter Mary Adelle of Hope, two sisters, Mrs. William J. O'Brien of Shreveport and Mrs. Thomas McLarty of Hope.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 4 p. m. Thursday by the Rev. V. O. Keeley and the Rev. Claude Clark. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in charge of Herndon-Cornelius Funeral Home.

## Tobin Backs Workers in Steel Dispute; May Freeze Oil Wages

### Suggests Few Settlements a Good Pattern

Washington, May 14 (AP) — The Wage Stabilization Board was urged today to clamp a general but flexible ceiling on the amount of wage increases 90,000 striking oil workers might get under anti-inflation rules.

The strike entered its third week, with no signs of early settlement. The WSB, in studying six scattered wage pacts already reached in the industry, obviously hoped that the amount it allows will act as a guidepost to more than 20 unions engaged in the strike against the nation's major oil companies. And company and union officials said they hoped the same thing.

## Cotton Crop Value Shows Cash Increase

Little Rock, May 14 (AP) — The total cash value of Arkansas' 1951 cotton crop was higher than in 1950 despite a decline in prices. The Federal Crop Reporting Service said yesterday that the 1951 crop was worth \$273,420,000, compared to \$252,399,000 for the 1950 crop.

Price of lint for the 1951 crop averaged 38.1 cents per pound, compared with 39.8 for 1950, and the average price received by farmers for cottonseed last year was \$67.50, well below the 1950 price of \$79.00.

Arkansas' cotton crop in 1951 totaled 1,240,000 bales; in 1950 it was 1,090,000 bales.

Two Arkansas truck farm crops have set records this year, said the Service. A record crop of 280,000 bushels of spring spinach was harvested, compared to the 1951 crop of 120,000 bushels.

The watermelon acreage also set a record. On May 1, 9,300 acres had been planted in watermelons; 1,000 acres more than the 1951 acreage and the largest since 1918.

The Service issued this report on other crops:

Eggs — Farm flocks laid 67 million eggs in April — a six per cent decline from production in April last year. Production for the first four months of 1952 was 283 million, seven million less than the corresponding period last year.

## Free X-Ray Clinic to Tour Hempstead

The Hempstead County Tuberculosis Association, in cooperation with the State Board of Health, has arranged for a free chest X-ray clinic to be held in Hempstead county, at the following places:

Friday, May 23 at McCaskill from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.  
Friday, May 23 at Blevins from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.  
Tuesday, May 27 at Washington from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.  
Tuesday, May 27 at Fulton from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.  
Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday May 28, 29 and 31 at Hope from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

The mobile unit will be located at convenient places where local women will be in charge of each clinic. All citizens fourteen years of age and over are urged to take advantage of this free service which is given to help combat tuberculosis in our county.

## Local Officer Home From Mediterranean

Lt. (jg.) Thomas E. Jackson, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Jackson of 504 North Elm street, Hope, has returned to the United States aboard the heavy cruiser the USS Newport News.

The Newport News, operating with the Sixth Fleet, has completed her third tour of duty in the Mediterranean. She has participated in several training exercises, and visited scores of foreign ports.

## Banking Group Votes to Strip Power of WSB

Washington, May 14 (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee has voted to strip the Wage Stabilization Board of its controversial dispute-settling powers and to reorganize it as an all-public body.

As now set up, the board consists of six members each representing organized labor, industry and the public.

At the same time the committee voted late yesterday to continue wage and price controls until next March 1.

## Court Studies Seizure of Steel Mills

Washington, May 14 (AP) — The answer to the momentous question of whether President Truman exceeded his legal powers when he seized the steel industry, began forming today behind the marble columns of the U. S. Supreme Court.

It may be a week, or several weeks, before the nine members of the court of last resort have resolved their own doubts and convictions in the quiet seclusion of their conference chambers.

The lawyers had their final say yesterday for either upholding or reversing the decision of District Judge David A. Pine, who held the President's action was illegal and unconstitutional.

Justice Jackson spoke out from the bench against any hasty announcement. He said he will oppose making known the court's decision until the opinion explaining the reasons behind it has been written.

A majority of the nine justices go along with Jackson's view. It may be a matter of weeks before the country knows whether the President had — or didn't have — authority to seize the steel mills to avert a strike of 650,000 CIO steelworkers for higher wages.

If, however, a majority should decide to announce the decision in advance of the writing of the formal opinion, the outcome of the controversy over the President's "inherent powers" might be disclosed almost anytime.

In his closing argument, John W. Davis, 70-year-old attorney for the steel industry, called the seizure "an extension of executive power lacking legislative authority without parallel in American history."

But Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, who spoke for the administration, derived as "a lot of fantastic hogwashes" the industry's claim of "irreparable injury" from the seizure.

## Chambless Twins Honor Graduates at Emmet School

June and Joan Chambless, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Chambless, are honor graduates of Emmet High School.

Joan, valedictorian, had a grade point average of 5.90 and June, salutatorian, had a 5.65 average. Both have been active in school affairs. June was chosen Miss Nevada County at the Nevada County Fair this year. Joan was runner-up for the honor last year.

Joan is assistant manager and editor of the year book while June is circulation manager.

Both played leading parts in the senior play, both were cheerleaders and are active in the Library Club and other organizations. They have outstanding attendance records. Graduation exercises will be held Wednesday night, May 14 at 8 p. m.

## Minor Damage in Auto Accident

An auto accident at Third and Main yesterday resulted in minor damage to both vehicles, investigators City Police said. The cars were driven by A. C. Kirby and W. H. Billings, both of Hope.

## Says Industry Acceptance Is Way to Settle

Philadelphia, May 14 (AP) — Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin today cheering CIO steelworkers' leaders that he stands "heart and soul" behind them in their fight for a wage increase.

Tobin, in an address to the 2,000 delegates at the sixth biennial constitutional convention of the United Steelworkers Union said flatly:

"The only way to settle this dispute is through the acceptance of the recommendations of the Wage Stabilization Board."

The WSB had recommended a 1-2 cent an hour wage increase to go into effect over an 18-month period, plus fringe benefits, including the union shop, estimated to cost an additional 8.9 cents an hour.

## Storm Brews in Race for Governor

Little Rock, May 14 (UP) — Governor-elect candidates are building their political fences throughout Arkansas this week in the continuing hunt before an expected storm. Gov. Sid McMath was in Smith this morning, and was scheduled to speak in Scott County.

Rep. Boyd Tackett, Nashville, planned to make speeches in Scott County today, at Locksburg, Friday and Mena Friday. Tackett said he planned to attend the annual convention of the Arkansas Bar Association Thursday and Friday at Hot Springs. Most of the gubernatorial candidates also expected to attend the convention.

Tackett said he would make oral more trips back to Washington to vote on several congressional bills before he makes his campaign opening at Arkansas May 22.

Attorney General Lee Murray, a recently at Sparksman, Friday. Former Attorney General Holt was in Benton today, probably attend the bar association meet later in the week.

Chancellor Francis Chappin Jonesboro was back in Arkansas but perfecting his position in that section of the state.

Meanwhile, the United learned that at least two candidates may not secure temporary special trains for their campaign openings. Tackett said he will not obtain a train, bringing his followers to Ark.

Murray said he hadn't made his mind yet, but that he would skip the idea. Tackett called the governor will get into Pine Bluff to announce the date for which his set.

## Lion-Garden Club Jamboree Ticket Now on Sale

Committee Chairman — Hope Chamber of Commerce Annual Jamboree, June 9, in the afternoon, 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. Tickets are now on sale at 50 cents each. Features have been planned for a year's edition which will please the entire family.

Many prizes will be free due to the generosity of the many business and individual patrons.

Tickets are on sale at the following places: Stores, Home, and many other places. Tickets are 50 cents each.

## Recital to Be Held at Blevins

A recital will be given by the Blevins High School Music Club at the Blevins Methodist Church, Wednesday, May 14, at 8 p. m.











